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9. *Amendment of section* 13, *Madras Act III of* 1922.—In section 13 of the principal Act, after the words "the City of Madras," the words "and to any municipal town or village to which this Act is extended" shall be inserted.

10. *Repeal of Madras Ordinance II of* 1955.—(1) The Madras City Tenants' Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955 (Madras Ordinance II of 1955), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken in the exercise of any power conferred by or under the Madras City Tenants' Protection Act, 1921 (Madras Act III of 1922), as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken in the exercise of the powers conferred by or under the said Act, as if this Act were in force on the day on which such thing was done or action was taken.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide Item IV on page 584 supra.]

FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

I

INTRODUCTION.

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, present this the First Report of the Committee.

2. The Committee was nominated by the Hon. the Chairman on the 15th February 1955 under the provisions contained in Rule 172 of the Madras Council Rules, with five members on it.

II

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. The functions of the Committee are to scrutinize the assurances, promises and undertakings given by Ministers, from time to time, on the floor of the House and to report on—

(*a*) the extent to which such assurances have been implemented; and

(*b*) where implemented, whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose.

III

SITTINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

4. The Committee met in the Congress Party Room at Fort St. George at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th August 1955 and scrutinized all assurances made during the Seventh Session of the Madras Legislative Council.

IV

Procedure for culling out of Assurances.

5. At present, the Legislature (Council) Secretariat communicates to various departments the various assurances, promises and undertakings given on the floor of the House as culled out from the debates and the replies received from them are first placed on the Table of the House and then before the Committee on Government Assurances for their remarks. The Committee approved the above procedure for the present and also decided that the statement to be placed before the Committee in future in regard to assurances should also contain the dates when they were communicated by the Legislature (Council) Secretariat to the Departments of the Secretariat.

V

Forms of assurances.

6. A list of various forms in which assurances, promises and undertakings are usually given on the floor of the House on the lines of the one approved by the Lok Sabha was considered by the Committee and was approved as a standard list of forms which constitute assurances subject to certain alterations and additions. This list is however subject to alteration by the Committee wherever it considered it necessary. A list of forms as finally approved by the Committee is appended. (Annexure I.)

VI

Implementation of assurances.

7. Out of 52 Assurances given during the Seventh Session and communicated to the Departments concerned, replies were received only in respect of 29 Assurances as on 3rd August 1955. The Committee decided that Government should be requested to send within a month from the date of this meeting, viz., 24th August 1955, their replies to pending assurances and also to assurances wherein reports were awaited from the Government of India or any other authority.

8. The Committee also decided that, in future—

(i) the assurances should normally be implemented within a maximum period of three months from the date of giving them, and, where it was not possible to comply with this requirement, a report giving the reasons for the delay should be made to the Committee in order to enable them to judge how far it was beyond the power of the department concerned to implement the assurances within the stipulated period, and what were the reasons responsible for the delay or inadequate implementation of the assurances;

(ii) in cases where a reference was made to the Government of India or any other authority and where no reply was received, the Government should state when the Government of India or the authority concerned was addressed.

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9. The Committee examined the statements showing the action taken on the assurances, etc., given during the Seventh Session of the Madras Legislative Council and agreed to await further reports in cases where reports from the Government of India or any other authority were awaited. In all the other cases but one, the Committee had no remarks to offer on the action taken by the Government. A statement showing the assurance, the implementation of which the Committee concerned as not satisfactory and the remarks made by the Committee is appended. (Annexure II.)

VII

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

10. The following is the summary of the recommendations made in this report :—

(1) The Legislature (Council) Secretariat may themselves for the present do the work of culling out assurances (paragraph 5).

(2) A list of standard forms of assurances, promises and undertakings to be adopted as a guide for extracting of assurances for implementation was approved by the Committee (paragraph 6).

(3) The Government should expedite their replies to assurances pending replies and assurances for which interim replies were given, within one month from the date of this meeting, viz., 24th August 1955 (paragraph 7).

(4) The assurances should normally be implemented within a maximum period of three months from the date of giving them and where it was not possible to comply with this requirement, a report giving the reasons for the delay should be made to the Committee in order to enable them to judge how far it was beyond the power of the department concerned to implement the assurances within the stipulated period, and what were the reasons responsible for the delay or inadequate implementation of the assurances (paragraph 8).

(5) In cases where a reference is made to the Government of India or any other authority and where no reply is received, Government should also state when the Government of India or the authority concerned was addressed (paragraph 8).

FORT ST. GEORGE,
MADRAS,
25th *August* 1955.

A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR,
Chairman.

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ANNEXURE I.

Standard List of Forms constituting Assurances.

1. The matter is under consideration.
2. I shall look into it.
3. Enquiries are being made.
4. I shall inform the Hon. Member.
5. This is primarily the concern of Central Government but I shall look into it.
6. I shall write to the Central Government.
7. I assure the House all suggestions by Hon. Member will be carefully considered.
8. I shall study the conditions on the spot during my tour.
9. I shall consider the matter.
10. I will consider it.
11. I will suggest to the Central Government.
12. We will put the matter in the shape of a resolution.
13. I shall see what can be done about it.
14. I will look into the matter before I can say anything.
15. The suggestions will be taken into consideration.
16. The matter will be considered at the . . . conference to be held on .
17. The matter is still under examination and if anything requires to be done it will certainly be done.
18. The matter will be taken up with the Government of . . .
19. I have no information, but, I am prepared to look into the matter.
20. Efforts are being made to collect the necessary data.
21. The suggestions made will be borne in mind while framing the rules.
22. If the Hon. Member so desires, I can issue further instructions.
23. Copy of the report, when finalized, will be placed in the Library of the House.
24. I shall supply it to the Hon. Member.
25. I think it can be done.
26. If the Hon. Member's allegation is true, I shall certainly have the matter gone into.
27. We shall have to find that out.
28. I will draw the attention of the . . . Government who I hope will take adequate steps in this direction.
29. It is a suggestion for action which will be considered.

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30. (The Budget Speech and the General Discussion thereon.) All the points raised in the Budget Speech and by the various members during the General Discussion will be considered and the result will be communicated.

31. Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

32. I am reviewing the position.

33. Directions by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or the Vice-Chairman involving action on the part of Ministers.

34. All specific points on which information is asked for and promised.

35. Assurances given in the Governor's Address on behalf of the Government.



ANNEXURE II.

Statement showing the assurance, the implementation of which the Committee considered as not satisfactory and the remarks made by the Committee.

Serial number and date and reference. (1)	*Subject.* (2)	*Promise made.* (3)	*When and how fulfilled.* (4)	*Remarks made by the Committee.* (5)
1 24th February 1955—The Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1955).	Amendments moved by Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar and Dr. V. K. John.	Government will take due notice of all the amendments moved by members and also proper notice of all that w s said by them and would try to see how far they would be erfected in the rules which would be made under this Act.	The amendments moved by the members cannot be provided for in the rules framed under the Act as they involve material changes in the Act.	The Committee was o the opinion that the Government may further consider whether an am ndment to the Act is necessary in the light of the remarks made by the members during the discussion on the Bill.